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OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT

JACKSON, MISS., DEC. 5th to 11th, 1877.

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Bishop H. N. McTYEIRE, Presiding.

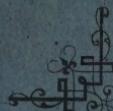
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SIXTY-SECOND SESSION---DEC. 5-11, 1877.

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The Sixty-second session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun and held in the city of Jackson, Miss., December 5-11, 1877.

Bishop H. N. McTyeire (appointed to preside after the death of Bishop E. M. Marvin) not having arrived, the Secretary of last year, Rev. C. G. Andrews, D. D., called the Conference to order and requested Rev. John G. Jones to take the chair and conduct the religious exercises, to which he responded by reading II Tim. iv, singing the 272d hymn, and prayer.

On the second ballot, Rev. W. H. Watkins, D. D., was elected Chairman, who presided until Thursday morning, when Bishop H. N. McTyeire came, and presided over the Conference to its close.

The following clerical members were present during the session, their names being recorded according to the date of their admission, re-admission, or transfer into the Conference, viz:

J. G. Jones, W. H. Watkins, A. Day, E. R. Strickland, J. L. Forsyth, H. H. Montgomery, J. B. Higginbotham, W. Wadsworth, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, D. W. Dillehay, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, H. P. Lewis, J. A. Vance, C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, L. Kendall, H. F. Johnson, E. H. Mounger, C. W. Campbell, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, D. Merchant, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, W. E. Ballard, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, W. E. M. Linfield, F. M. Featherstun, P. Howard, A. B. Stewart, J. T. Heard, W. Spillman, J. C. Brogan, T. Y. Armstrong, W. H. Leith, J. M. Gann, C. B. Galloway, R. D. Norsworthy, C. F. Gillespie, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, D. A. Givens, L. Carley, P. A. Johnston, J. M. Weems, R. Bradley, R. J. Jones, D. G. W. Ellis, J. H. Holland, H. R. Singleton, J. S. Parker, D. P. Bradford, J. W. Adkisson, J. J. Smylie, J. W. Sandell, W. C. Black, B. T. Pearson, T. Price, A. J. Coleman, J. W. Ellison, J. B. K. Smith, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, A. M. Barrington, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, D. A. Little, A. L. McBride, J. Lusk, L. R. Featherstun, R. S. Woodward, C. W. Calhoun, B. Carradine, C. D. Cecil, R. T. Davis, W. B. Andrews, H. R. Caldwell, G. W. Brown, W. D. Dominick, M. B. Sharbrough.

Lay Members from the several Districts were present, and participated in the proceedings, as follows, viz:

R. D. Hardy, J. E. Coker, J. T. Cameron, D. Bunch, C. K. Marshall, T. L. Mellen, G. W. Humphreys, F. D. Brame, W. H. Germany, R. Babbington, D. McRee, J. Thompson, R. C. T. S. Hilliard, E. G. Cook, I. Miller, W. M. Thornton, J. Watts, J. L. Halbert, C. R. Rencher, S. B. Watts, J. West, A. M. Moore, J. L. Russ.

C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary; J. A. B. Jones, Assistant; J. T. Cameron, Recording Secretary; and H. F. Johnson, Statistical Secretary.

The hours of 9:30 A. M., and 1:30 P. M., were fixed upon as the time of meeting and adjournment.

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P.C.M. Committees on the various interests of the Church were appointed as follows, viz:

On Public Worship—W. B. Hines, C. B. Galloway and R. D. Hardy.

On Education—Thos. B. Holloman, J. P. Carter, R. S. Woodward, W. E. Ballard, J. J. Smylie, C. R. Rencher, A. M. Barrington, R. Babbington.

On the State of the Church—J. W. McLaurin, A. B. Nicholson, F. M. Williams, W. E. M. Linfield, N. B. Young, H. R. Singleton, J. T. Heard, H. P. Lewis.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Black, I. B. Robertson, C. W. Calhoun, W. B. Lewis, R. B. Downer, J. W. Adkisson, J. M. Weems, W. H. Germany.

On Religious Literature—J. H. Shelton, F. D. Brame, E. H. Mounger, J. L. Russ, B. Carradine, R. J. Jones, J. S. Parker, P. A. Johnston.

On Bible Cause—H. H. Montgomery, P. S. Petty, W. H. Watkins, J. H. Evans, W. W. Hurst, J. M. Gann, B. T. Pearson, Geo. F. Thompson.

On Memoirs—W. B. Lewis, Jas. A. Godfrey, C. McDonald, R. A. Sibley.

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Missionary Secretary; Rev. L. Parker, D. D., Editor N. O. Christian Advocate; Rev. J. A. Ivy, of the Louisiana Conference; and Rev. D. D. Moore, President of Grenada Female College, were present during the session.

Rev. L. Bradford, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. J. Hunter, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Jackson, were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Publishing House, from Rev. T. O. Summers, D. D., Book Editor; from Missionary Secretaries, as also from the various institutions of learning within the Conference were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Conference resolved to sit with open doors during the regular examination of character of Elders.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer—Isaac D. Wall, from the Jackson; La., and Pipkins Chapel Circuit; David F. Guice, from the Meadville Circuit; R. French Flowers, from Crystal Springs Station; James T. Graham, from Marion Circuit; H. Mallard DuBose, from Shubuta and McGowan Circuit; John Stewart Calhoun, from East Pascagoula Circuit; John S. Hutton, from Mt. Olivet Circuit.

Second Question—Who remain on trial?

Answer—C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones; Thomas C. Bradford, Benton S. Rayner, Wm. W. Simmons, J. Perry Drake, Inman W. Cooper, David M. Rush, in Deacon's orders, and Few Ball; the last two continued in class of prior year, on account of absence from Conference.

Third Question—Who are discontinued?

Answer—C. J. Philips, T. W. Adams.

Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—M. B. Sharbrough, W. D. Dominick, Green W. Brown.

Fifth Question—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—George M. Gilmore and W. W. Hopper in Deacons orders, and Philip H. Napier.

Sixth Question—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—William B. Andrews, in the third year, from the Pacific Conference, and Hiram R. Caldwell, an Elder from North Mississippi Conference.

Seventh Question—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer—B. Carradine, C. D. Cecil, R. T. Davis, continued in class of third year; A. L. McBryde, to be examined on Mental Philosophy and Variations of Popery.

Eighth Question—What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—G. W. Brown, M. B. Sharbrough.

Ninth Question—What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—G. W. Brown, M. B. Sharbrough.

Tenth Question—What local Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Joseph W. Hall, John S. Hutton, Clarence A. Powell, Thomas J. Miller, Andrew D. Miller, Wm. B. King.

Eleventh Question—What local Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—J. S. Hutton, C. A. Powell, T. J. Miller, A. D. Miller, W. B. King.

Twelfth Question—What traveling Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—D. A. Little, D. G. Langford, J. S. Parker, D. P. Bradford, L. R. Featherstun.

Thirteenth Question—What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—D. A. Little, D. C. Langford, J. S. Parker, D. P. Bradford, L. R. Featherstun.

Fourteenth Question—What local Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Wm. T. Beall.

Fifteenth Question—What local Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—W. T. Beall, Robt. C. Bethea.

Sixteenth Question—Who are located this year?

Answer—L. Carley, D. Merchant, L. P. Meador, T. B. Walden.

Seventeenth Question—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—G. T. Vickes, J. A. Vance.

Eighteenth Question—Who are superannuated?

Answer—A. B. Stewart, J. C. Jones, W. Spillman, B. Pipkin, J. B. Higginbotham, L. Pearce, H. Hopeland, W. Finn, J. Shanks, D. A. J. Parker, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay.

Nineteenth Question—What Preachers have died during the year?

Answer—J. McKay and C. C. Watkins.

Memoir of Rev. Jesse McKay.

REV. JESSE MCKAY was born in Sumter District, S. C., Feb. 19th, 1795. He joined the Methodist Church the day he was twelve years old, and one week afterwards he professed religion. He emigrated with his parents to Maury county, Tenn., in the fall of 1811, and from thence to Amite county, Mississippi Territory. Here he was a member of one of the first Methodist Churches in this part of the, then, new country. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. On the 16th of January, 1816, he was married to Miss Cassie Winburn. In 1832, he removed to Madison county, Mississippi, and in 1836 to Scott county; which had just been purchased, by the government, from the Choctaw Indians. Here he was one of the first white settlers. In the early part of this year the first Methodist Church in the county was organized in his dwelling, with seven members, he being class-leader, and Rev. Elijah Steele, preacher in charge. Later in the year they built a Church-house and floored it with puncheons hewed with broad-axes, by Jesse McKay and M. T. Sigrest. This is the same Church organization that is now at Hillsboro.

He did not take license to preach until 1840, although he felt the call to preach long before, and had been an exhorter for many years. Some time after he became a preacher he withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church and united with the Methodist Protestant Church. Here he was in the itinerant ranks and active service until age and declining health compelled his superannuation. He filled a great many appointments from the Conference; his labors being confined principally to Scott county; for here he had a home and was, before the late war between the States, in good circumstances.

He came back to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the union of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church with this Conference in 1871.

He had been troubled with a cancer on his face for thirty years, which for several years past so affected his eyes that he could not read. Near the close of his life his sufferings were great both from the pain and offensiveness of his cancer, which he endured with christian fortitude and resignation.

He died on the 24th of December, 1876, in the 82d year of his age, at his residence four miles north west of Hillsboro, Miss.

Bro. McKay lost his wife in 1862, and was married again in 1865, to Mrs. Ellen Baker. There was no heir by the first

marriage and only one by the second—a son in his twelfth year, when his father died.

Bro. McKay was noted for his hospitality, neatness of his person, extreme temperance in all things, generosity to the widows and orphans who lived around him, and besides he raised, in part or entirely, eleven children. But the best of all were his consistent christian life and triumphant death. For about seventy years a Christian soldier, so far as we know, there was not a blot on his fair name he was happy to overflowing for months before he died and on his death bed religion was almost his only theme of conversation, he was perfectly conscious to the last moment, and left precious parting words for his family and friends.

C. McDONALD.

Memoir of Rev. C. C. Watkins.

Rev. Calvin C. Watkins was born in Jefferson county, Miss., Sept. 8th, 1821, and died of pneumonia at his residence near the place of his birth, on Sunday morning May 13, 1877.

Bro. Watkins was converted and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1839. Early in life he was licensed to exhort and became useful in that capacity. He was licensed to preach in 1866—ordained a deacon in 1870, and admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference the latter part of 1872. He performed four years' effective service in the traveling connection as follows: 1873 and '74, on the St. Helena Circuit; 1875, on the Bayou Sara circuit, and on the Meadville circuit in 1876. At our last Annual Conference he was granted a superannuary relation on account of his declining health. Brother Watkins was a preacher of fair abilities—able in prayer—gifted in song—sympathetic in his nature—true in his friendships, and earnest in zeal for the Church. He was a useful minister of Christ and died in great peace. His last words were "all is well."

W. B. LEWIS, Chm.

Twentieth Question—Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed. The name of V. H. Nelson was erased from the roll at his own request.

Twenty-first Question—What is the number of local Preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions in the Conference?

Answer—See statistical table, page — of this pamphlet.

Twenty-second Question—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1011.

Twenty-third Question—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—888.

Twenty-fourth Question—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer—213.

Twenty-fifth Question—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

Answer—1165.

Twenty-sixth Question—What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

Answer—7552.

Twenty-seventh Question—What amount is necessary for the superanuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?

Answer—\$2100.

Twenty-eighth Question—What has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

Answer—\$1718 15. See distribution of funds, page —

Twenty-ninth Question—What has been contributed for missions?

Answer—For foreign missions, \$1657 60; for domestic missions, \$1596 75.

Thirtieth Question—Where shall the next session of Conference be held?

Answer—At Meridian.

Thirty-first Question—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

Answer—See pages —, of this pamphlet.

Resolutions on Death of Bishop E. M. Marvin.

WHEREAS, We have been informed that BISHOP ENOCH

M. MARVIN, D. D., who was expected to preside during the present session of the Mississippi Annual Conference, died suddenly at his home, in St. Louis, on the 26th of November last; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That by the death of Bishop Marvin our Church has lost a most faithful, devoted and efficient general superintendent, and a minister of the gospel who was profound in thought, spiritual in doctrine, saintly in life, and wonderfully consecrated to all the work of his high calling.

2. That we were shocked and grieved by the unexpected announcement of his death, and can but deplore his untimely removal, in the midst of his days and in the meridian of his usefulness, as at once a bereavement and a calamity to our whole church.

3. That while his sudden departure must be deeply lamented by the thousands who loved him all over the land, it is peculiarly afflicting to the members of this Conference, whose fervently affectionate desires to see and to hear him were fast ripening into eager expectation of his presence, when, alas! we were told that he was on earth no longer.

4. That while we cannot understand the act of Providence, by which he has been taken away, we reverently and prayerfully submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

5. That these resolutions may be recorded upon our Journal, and that a copy of the same may be sent to Bishop Marvin's family, and to the New Orleans and Nashville Christian Advocates for publication.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
W. E. M. LINFIELD.

Memoir of Dr. A. T. Bledsoe.

For as much as it has pleased the All-wise and Supreme Ruler to call from labor to eternal rest, our esteemed and honored friend and brother, A. T. BLEDSOE, D. D., LL. D., It is the judgment of this Conference, That in his death our beloved Church has been called to suffer and endure the irreparable loss of one of the profoundest thinkers of the age; a man who in view of many perils and pains dared to declare the results of his own deep and varied researches in Theology, and Church government; a man whose vast stores of varied learning and knowledge, eminently qualified him to set forth and defend the doctrines of our Church; and who in his life of simple, earnest piety beautifully illustrated the saving power of the Gospel and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We further desire to express to his bereaved family our deep and tender sense of their great bereavement, and offer them our sincere Christian sympathy and condolence, and for them offer to our common Father our earnest prayer.

W. H. WATKINS,
C. K. MARSHALL.

Resolutions and Memorial.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that candidates for license to preach should be examined upon the same course of study, as candidates for admission on trial into the traveling connection.

Resolved, That all grants of license to preach, and recommendations to the Annual Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection and for deacon's or elder's orders be removed from the Quarterly to the District Conference, and that no candidate receive a license to preach until he first stand an approved examination upon the prescribed course of study.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the Bishop should prescribe a regular, but reasonable and moderate, course of study for candidates for deacon's and elder's orders, and that no local preacher be elected to deacon's order and no local deacon be elected to elder's orders until he stand an approved examination upon this course of study.

Resolved, That we hereby, for the sake of our local preachers hereafter, for the sake of their biblical and theological improvement, for the sake of their usefulness, and for the sake of the Christian Ministry, and the Church of God, most earnestly memorialize our approaching General Conference, to be held at Atlanta Ga., 1878, to take these matters into consideration, and adopt the laws and requirements of the Church accordingly. . . . (Signed,) WILL. H. LEITH,

W. H. WATKINS,
BEVERLY CARRADINE,
C. K. MARSHALL,
C. G. ANDREWS,
J. J. SMYLIE.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause ask permission to report that they have considered the subject of circulating the Holy Scriptures within the bounds of the Mississippi Confer-

ence, as carefully and fully as they could with the means of information placed at their disposal.

The South-western Bible Society, which is auxiliary to the American Bible Society, is located in the city of New Orleans. It owns a depository building which is estimated at \$15,000 or \$20,000, and insured for \$12,000, with no debts to encumber its operations. Its business operations are conducted by a board of twelve directors—three from each of the leading protestant denominations of the country, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists. The branch house at New Orleans, keeps constantly on hand a large supply of all the different varieties of publications of the American Bible Society to meet all the necessary demands of our people.

The Society has reiterated assurances from the Parent Society that they will furnish our preachers with all the books and other facilities necessary for canvassing and supplying our entire territory with Bibles, if we will but manifest a disposition to assist ourselves, by doing what we can, and to guarantee by reports that we are making a judicious and proper use of the agencies thus employed. As to the financial health of this Society, it is vigorous and prosperous, and is fully competent in its relation to the church, to perform the work proposed by its founders. It does not propose, however, to assume the obligations and work of the church in this respect, but simply to aid it in the grand mission of spreading the Word of God in our midst. This Society is the ally of the church, which, if used aright, will be a power in the land for good, and the advantages thus offered should be seized by us, in order to place the Word of God in the hands of the destitute, and make these opportunities conducive to the salvation of these classes, and if we do not make the offers of the Society to contribute to the end designed, we had better dispense with the organization altogether. The Society is not on an independent commercial basis, if so, it would put on its own tariffs and manipulate its own operations independent of other agencies.

If the South-western Bible Society has accomplished but little in our own bounds, the explanation is found in the lethargy which has marked the efforts of all parties concerned, in the success of this grand enterprise of the Church of Christ.

The report of the colporteurs in the counties of Jackson, Harrison, Jefferson, Franklin and Yazoo, reveals a destitution of 28 or 30 per cent. of all the families, both white and colored, within the bounds of said counties; while some of the parishes in Louisiana show a destitution of 68 per cent. It is,

however, just to state here, that three-fourths of this destitution is found to exist among our people of color. This destitution and want of the Word of God is certainly telling fearfully upon the morals of those where such destitution is found to exist, and we, as a Conference, should adopt some method or means by which a copy of the Holy Bible may be placed in the hands of the destitute of our own Conference.

In our report to the Conference, we cannot commend too highly, the labors and services of the Rev. James A. Ivy, the efficient agent of the South-western Bible Society, who is working nobly and energetically to arouse the people, and to inspire an interest worthy of so grand a cause.

We ask of the Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Preacher in charge be requested to call the attention of the first Quarterly Conference, after the publication of the minutes, to the facts embodied in this report, and use his best efforts to organize some systematic plan upon his work for the canvass of the territory within his charge, to ascertain the extent to which the Word of God may be appreciatively supplied; and also to adopt some method of colporteurage for the execution of said plan, and that the Preacher in charge be required to report the result of such work to the next session of this Conference.

W. W. HURST, Chairman.

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

With devout and reverential feelings, we recognize God's care of His Church, and the redemption of His promises to His people during the year we have just closed.

For, amidst influences arising out of worldly affairs, greatly depressing upon all, and embarrassing to church work, ministerial success and other forms of religious prosperity, we gather the material supplying this statement that the summary of our affairs places us on the prosperous side, far and distant enough to sustain hope and prompt endeavor.

Numerous as are the societies looking to this Conference for pastoral service, and large in this proportion as are the number of Ministers to be furnished, and the consequent care ensuing, it is cause of gratitude to the Great Shepherd that these wants of our Conference have been so successfully met.

The Ministers have approved by their fidelity the confidence reposed in them; under tests made more trying than usual

they have shown increased diligence in the collections entrusted to them—their loss of salary in the mean time being more uniform and perplexing, amounting to fully 30 per cent. The work is also marked by an increase. We have, therefore, an expanding prospect, enriched by the accession of the Sabbath Schools, the literary institutions and great camp-meetings under our care.

We, therefore, submit that in view of these tokens of continued love and mercy toward us, and upon our labors, that our rejoicing in the Lord is not without adequate and inspiring cause, and that we may safely conclude from these outward signs of God's presence and power, as well as from the witness within, that the Lord is with us, both in working out our personal salvation and in preaching the Gospel to dying men.

W. E. M. LINFIELD,
For Committee.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.

*To the Bishop and Members of the
Mississippi Annual Conference:*

The Joint Board of Finance respectfully report that at their last session, it was estimated that the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon the Conference during the year now closing were, for the Bishop's Fund \$900, and for the Conference Fund \$2,100, and these amounts were distributed among the several districts as follows:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conference Fund.</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$165 00	\$350 00
Jackson	180 00	400 00
Brandon	75 00	175 00
Brookhaven	165 00	350 00
Woodville	65 00	200 00
Sea Shore	50 00	125 00
Meridian	125 00	325 00
Summit	75 00	175 00
 <i>Total.....</i>	 <i>\$900 00</i>	 <i>\$2,100 00</i>

These assessments were made upon a fair and equitable basis, and with the earnestly expressed hope that the full amounts would in all cases be collected. But the hope was vain. The Vicksburg district alone discharging all its obligations. The receipts from the several districts have been the following:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conference Fund.</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$179 00	\$373 60
Jackson	175 00	303 40
Brandon	81 80	148 25
Brookhaven	151 55	274 55
Woodville.....	76 30	168 75
Sea Shore	50 00	86 80
Meridian	126 15	209 40
Summit	75 00	82 30
Total.....	\$914 80	\$1,647 05

We have also received from the Van Houten Trust Fund, through Rev. H. H. Montgomery, the sum of \$72, making the total amount of the Conference Fund received by us only \$1,719 05, instead of the \$2,100 asked for.

Of the amount received for the Bishops, the Joint Board have appropriated the sum of \$50 for the traveling expenses of Bishop McTyeire, and the residue to the support of the Bishops. The members of the Joint Board would congratulate the Conference on the fact that the Mississippi Conference has never failed to respond fully to the assessment made by the General Conference, although many of the other Annual Conferences have been in default.

The meagre sum received for the benefit of the Conference claimants has been distributed in accordance with the disciplinary provisions among the several claimants, thus:

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>To Whom Paid.</i>	<i>Amt.</i>
W. Spillman.....	Self.....	\$ 35 00
Mrs. Vernon H. Johnson.....	P. A. Johnson.....	52 50
Mrs. D. Dawson.....	W. H. Watkins.....	52 50
Mrs. W. C. Haney	Thos. Price.....	70 00
Mrs. Thompson and 5 children....	J. C. Brogan.....	140 00
Mrs. Wiggins and 1 child.....	H. H. Montgomery..	70 00
Mrs. W. W. Drake and 3 chil...	J. P. Drake.....	35 00
Mrs. Berry and 2 children	H. P. Lewis	70 00
Mrs. R. J. Jones and 3 children..	D. P. Bradford	70 00
Mrs. Redding and 4 children.....	J. M. Weems.....	105 00
Mrs. McKay and child	N. B. Young.....	70 00
Mrs. Wm. McCormick	D. P. Bradford	70 00
Mrs. L. Campbell	C. G. Andrews.....	70 00
Mrs. P. Cooper	Inman W. Cooper...	70 00
Mrs. Deborah Johnson.....	W. B. Lewis.....	35 00

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>To Whom Paid.</i>	<i>Amt.</i>
Mrs. B. M. Drake.....	J. P. Drake.....	70 00
Mrs. Herbert.....	H. R. Caldwell	52 50
Mrs. Thos. Nixon	C. A. Powell.....	70 00
J. B. Higginbotham	Self.....	73 75
John G. Jones.....	Self.....	105 00
Wm. Finn	W. W. Simmons.....	70 00
Joseph Nicholson.....	Self.....	70 00
P. E. Green's 2 children	H. P. Lewis.....	35 00
E. R. Strickland	Self.....	35 00
Miss Nannie Wadsworth.....	Wm. Wadsworth....	17 50
Miss Laura Whittington.....	C. W. Calhoun	70 00
Mrs. C. C. Watkins.....	W. B. Lewis.....	35 00
Total.....		\$1,718 75

For the ensuing year the Board estimated the amounts necessary to meet the claims on this Conference at \$900 for the Bishop's Fund, and \$2,100 for the Conference Fund, and these amounts are apportioned in the following manner among the districts:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Bishop's Fund.</i>	<i>Conference Fund.</i>
Vicksburg.....	\$170 00	\$390 00
Jackson	200 00	410 00
Brandon	190 00	175 00
Brookhaven	145 00	350 00
Woodville	100 00	260 00
Sea Shore.....	70 00	165 00
Meridian	115 00	350 00
Total.....	\$900 00	\$2,100 00

These assessments, in the main, are the same as those of the present year, and the hope is again expressed that the *full amounts* may be collected. The Board feel assured that this can be done if the brethren will only *try*. The amounts asked for are the *very least* sums needed for the claimants. *Not a dollar can be spared.* Let the effort be to raise *more* than the assessments. Do not be satisfied with less. Our people are economical, but not penurious. Once advised of the purposes of the Conference Fund, and the worth of the beneficiaries and their needs, the members of our church will not refuse to respond liberally to the demands made upon them in this behalf. It is impossible to realize that an earnest effort was made by the Preacher in charge where \$2 80, \$4 00, or \$8 50, are

reported as the contribution of several hundred members of one church, as was done at the present Conference by brethren whose names have been long on the rolls. The junior members of the Conference have, as a general rule, brought up the best contributions—and these have not always been from “rich circuits” or stations, but from the pine woods of the Sea Shore District, as well as from other portions of our territory. While one station has fallen far behind what had been looked for, others have met the demands made on them. The reports from Natchez and Vicksburg show the wisdom and great success of the “envelope plan” in raising money for the support of the ministry; and this opportunity is taken to urge the general adoption of that method in all our churches.

In conclusion, the Joint Board of Finance reiterate the warning of two years ago, and assure the brethren that in future the receipt of no claimant will be received or regarded by the Board. No one is authorized to disburse any of the Conference Fund without authority from this Board, and any one acting contrary to the discipline in this matter will do so at his own risk.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. NORSWORTHY, Chairman.

W. M. THORNTON, Secretary.

TOM. L. MELLEN, Treasurer.

Report of Committee on Education.

Your committee on Education, having carefully sought from the different sources within their reach, to obtain information in reference to the four institutions of learning within our bounds, present the following report, as the result of their researches: It should be a source of gratification to us, that, despite the universal complaint of “hard times” our Colleges are being supported, at least.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Situated at Jackson, Louisiana, we are gratified to report is more encouraging in its prospects than for many years past. While we find that *only* fifty-seven students have matriculated up to the present; it is pleasing to know that of these twenty-six are in the regular College classes, compared with twelve in the same classes during the last session.

The Rev. I. D. Wall, a graduate of last year, and a young man fully competent in every respect, has been elected to the principalship of the Preparatory Department in the stead of

Rev. A. G. Miller. More than all we take the greatest pleasure in bringing before this body the fact, that a higher moral and religious status, has never existed with this institution before, since its opening. This is proven from the fact, that during its past year's existence, not only were their regular social meetings well attended, and many connected themselves to the church, but not one case of expulsion occurs upon their roll. In every particular, we feel safe in saying, that Centenary College has and is still improving. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. C. G. Andrews, D. D., President of this Institute.

PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY,

Situated at Port Gibson, Mississippi, with the Rev. J. A. B. Jones as President, assisted by a competent faculty, is doing a good work and gradually improving. Those acquainted with the institution say, it has improved very "materially during the past year." Bro. Jones brings all his energy and ability to the discharge of his duties, and we recommend his re-appointment.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE,

Located at Meridian, Mississippi, is in a very prosperous condition, and making rapid advance toward greater success. Considering the age of this Institution we think none have made more rapid progress and that none have a better outlook for the future than East Mississippi Female College. Up to the present, of this session, one hundred and two have been enrolled, of whom twenty-seven are from abroad. During the past year improvements have been made to the amount of about eight hundred dollars; seven hundred of which remains unpaid; however, with a prospect of very early settlement. Bros. Adkisson, as President, and Ellis, as Financial Agent, we believe are both doing a good work for the School and Church, and therefore, we recommend each of them to their former positions.

WHITWORTH COLLEGE,

Situated at Brookhaven, Miss., is well known to us all. Its success and plan of operations are better ascertained from Catalogue than your Committee are able to report. It speaks for itself. No comment is necessary. We find upon its roll of last year two hundred and twenty-two names coming from all parts of Mississippi and many from Louisiana. Its gradu-

ating class of 1876-77, numbered twenty. It has a large list of Alumnæ, the most of whom have gone out from the institution within the last ten years, and many of them are engaged to-day as teachers. The improvements alluded to by your last committee as under progress, have been completed. The Institution is now furnished with all the necessary improvements and apparatus for the comfort of its students and the assistance of its professors. With pleasure, your committee recommend the re-appointment of Rev. H. F. Johnson, to the Presideney of this Institution.

T. B. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Report of the Board of Missions.

At this Anniversary Celebration, the Missionary Board take great pleasure in announcing to the Conference the very gratifying fact that the Missionary operations of the churches of God have been prosecuted in all parts of the world with undiminished forces and unabated zeal during the year which now draws to a close. In Australia and in Japan, in India and in China, in South America and in Mexico, and in many islands of the sea, the gospel has proven itself to be the power of God unto salvation to those who have heard and believed it.

The most remarkable event in the year in the history of the missionary operations of our own church, is the tour of our beloved and lamented Bishop Marvin around the world, in which he visited many missionary stations of several churches, but especially our own mission in China, writing as he traveled that remarkable series of letters first published in the Nashville Christian Advocate, and now just issuing from the press in book form, which, we trust, has awakened and may long help to maintain a new and more active missionary zeal than our church has ever heretofore displayed. If zeal for missions is not the life of the church, it is so essential an ingredient of it that its presence or absence is decisive of life or of death. Bishop Marvin's letters ought to electrify the church in America. Traversing the ocean where Coke found a grave, whose vastness and depth are in sublime harmony with his boundless zeal and amazing efforts in the cause of God, and catching inspiration from the monumental records of the great achievements and greater purposes of that prince of missionaries, Bishop Marvin, sends back to America words of awakening and words of command. In our missionary station at Shanghai, he thinks the Southern Methodist Church has the

key to the Eastern world. China is, or is to be, the dominant nation of the East. If we conquer China for Christ, the conquest of the entire Orient is but a question of time. He bids the church at home be up and doing, and wishes the word of command to be spread throughout the militant hosts till not only every officer, but every private in the ranks shall feel that the conquering of the world for God is to be undertaken with a new and more hopeful energy and with surer guarantee of victory than ever before. To our mind, he seems to have wizarded the charm that wins success, and burst the secret of a prosperous future, when he says: "*Let each Conference, or each two or three, support a missionary in some foreign field, in addition to their ordinary contributions.*" We thank Bishop Marvin for that word. This the Mississippi Conference would have been forward to do years ago, but she was met with the suggestion that she was meddling with things which pertained properly to others. The two Conferences in Mississippi might well have supported their own Lambuth for these twenty years, and not have diminished their contributions to the general fund. Upon this plan our effective force in foreign fields would soon be ten times as strong as it is. Let the Conferences respond to the appeal of Bishop Marvin.

Let us get something from every member for missions; we mean no averages, but something from every individual member. God might doubtless have commissioned angels to preach His gospel, but this is not His plan. He has committed His word to us, and said: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Of our brethren, the heathen, He asks us: "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?—and how shall they hear without a preacher?—and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We must send the gospel to the heathen or cease to enjoy its benefits ourselves. The widow's waning store of oil increased only as she poured it out to pay the debt she owed. Shall the water of life stagnate in our vessels, or shall we pour it forth to quench the thirst of millions? God has put the responsibility and the honor of sending His word to the heathen upon the churches of Christendom. If we are not eager to impart the truth to them, we have surely no high appreciation of it for ourselves. Bishop Marvin has established the *nucleus* of a Conference at Shanghai, in China, by ordaining several native preachers, while the Foreign Missionary Board are greatly strengthening our forces

there by sending fresh supplies of men and means every year. Let us foster these beginnings until we shall in a few years have in China a Conference of Ministers and members as large as that which Bro. Lambuth left when he bade farewell to home and friends to carry the Word of Life to the heathen.

The missions within the bounds of this Conference have all been faithfully served during the year. Appropriations were made to fourteen charges, amounting to \$2,050, and the Board have ordered full payment to be made as far as the collections will allow. There have been collected during this year for Foreign Missions, \$1,657.60; for Domestic Missions, \$1596.75, each amount being a considerable increase on the receipts for the same purpose last year. The Board pays 75 per cent. on the claims of the missionaries.

The Board assessed the districts for missions as follows:

<i>Districts.</i>	<i>Foreign.</i>	<i>Domestic.</i>
Jackson	\$650 00	\$500 00
Vicksburg	650 00	500 00
Woodville	500 00	300 00
Brookhaven	500 00	300 00
Brandon	450 00	300 00
Meridian	450 00	300 00
Sea Shore.....	350 00	250 00

W. L. C. HUNNICUT,
Secretary Board Domestic Missions.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report: That after having carefully reviewed the Sunday School work in the bounds of our Conference, we are enabled to report favorably respecting the growth and results of our work in this department of the church, except it be that there is a significant silence on the part of Pastors in regard to the spiritual results of Sunday School work. Accepting the statistics of the various charges as the most available means of information upon the subject, we find ourselves totally unable to deliver even an opinion as to any spiritual improvement in this department. We trust, however, that while we are invested with no definite information respecting this point, that many children and young people are being brought into the church, and into the kingdom of Christ, through this agency.

We are delighted to report that much attention has been

paid to the organization of Missionary Societies in the Sunday Schools during the past year—many schools raising more missionary funds than the amount raised by other agencies of the church in the same charges. By way of encouraging our children in this good work, we recommend that our Sunday Schools be furnished with the “Juvenile Collecting Card,” which may be obtained at the Nashville Publishing House. As may be observed upon the statistical table, very encouraging accounts have been rendered in regard to the number of schools, officers and teachers, scholars, books, papers, etc., which record we deem unnecessary to recapitulate in this report.

Your committee have no extraordinary measures to embody in the resolutions that should close this paper, we have simply to recommend united support of our Sunday School system, by increased pastoral instruction, by expressed sympathy with our teachers, superintendents, editors and others officially engaged in this work, and by cultivating a more intense solicitude respecting the spiritual results of the Sunday School work.

J. M. ADKISSON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature.

The Committee on Religious Literature report upon the several communications and matters before them for consideration, as follows, to-wit:

They heartily endorse the New Orleans Christian Advocate, both in its editorial and publishing departments. They regard it of inestimable value to our church and worthy of the most liberal patronage of our people. They regard the communication of the publisher, Rev. R. J. Harp, as a most satisfactory one in respect to the appropriateness and completeness of the information which it furnishes. They are thankful to learn that the financial condition of the paper is still improving in spite of the stringency of the times.

The committee fully endorse the resolution referred to them by the Conference recommending the stopping each paper when the subscription expires.

They endorse the plan recommended in the resolutions offered by Dr. C. K. Marshall for increasing the circulation of our papers, but are of the opinion that its use or disuse should be left entirely to the sound discretion of each preacher in charge.

The committee regard the Nashville Christian Advocate as a most excellent paper and as well worthy of our patronage.

They believe it to be doing a good work for the cause of Christianity.

The committee are pleased to report that the Southern Review, edited by Dr. A. T. Bledsoe, in their estimation compares favorably with any similar publication, and believe it calculated to do a great deal of good. It deserves a favorable notice and recommendation. They are grieved to hear of the decease of the editor, and feel that in his death our church has sustained the loss of another of its most useful and most gifted men.

The committee also take pleasure in recommending to our people the publications of our Publishing House at Nashville.

They would also recommend to the Conference the following books from the St. Louis Publishing House, to-wit: The Quarterly Conference Journal; The Historical Church Register; The Sunday School Record, and The Pastor's Pocket Record.

In regard to our Sunday School Literature, the committee report that they think the Lesson Papers, Our Little People, The Sunday School Visitor, and the Sunday School Magazine most excellent publications, well suited to the purposes for which they are intended; but beg leave to suggest that a few lines added to Our Little People showing the application of each lesson, would greatly increase its usefulness.

J. H. SHELTON, Chairman.

F. D. BRAME, Secretary.

Hennington Camp Meeting.

WHEREAS, H. F. Johnson, I. V. Enochs and W. C. Wilkinson were appointed a committee by Hennington Camp Meeting Association, at the annual meeting of said Association, held August, 1877, to procure from the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, the repeal of the charter of said Association, adopted Feb., 1875, and the passage of a new charter or else important amendments to the same; and,

WHEREAS, Section 7 of said charter requires that this Conference shall "request" its "revocation," etc., as a condition of the future action of said Legislature; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully petitions the Legislature of the State of Mississippi to revoke or amend the charter of Hennington Camp Meeting Association as may be requested by the accredited agents of said Association.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY,
J. M. WEEMS.

Report on Relief of the Publishing House.

The committee to whom was referred the urgent papers of the Book Agent, beg leave to report, that in compliance with the following suggestion of the agent, Rev. A. H. Redford, to-wit: "Of the \$60,000 for which we asked we have received about \$26,000, leaving about \$34,000 yet to be provided for. We requested the Mississippi Conference to give us \$2,500. Of this amount we have received \$1,345 37. The balance we ask from Mississippi Conference is \$1,154 63. Our struggle during the past year has been a hard one. We have cheerfully risked everything we have to save the Publishing House from ruin, and we only ask the church to extend a helping hand. The amount for which we ask is essential to our success, and we most respectfully request that it be divided among the several districts by a committee appointed by the Conference, and then by the Presiding Elders divided among the several charges, the amount can be raised without difficulty."

We submit this distribution made in accordance therewith, to-wit:

Vicksburg District.....	\$215 00
Jackson "	225 00
Brandon "	115 00
Brookhaven "	200 00
Woodville "	83 63
Sea Shore "	65 00
Meredian "	156 00
Summit "	95 00
<hr/> Total.....	\$1,154 63

ROBT. B. DOWNER,
 BENJ. JONES,
 W. E. M. LINFIELD,
 Committee.

Delegates to General Conference.

Clerical—C. G. Andrews, H. F. Johnson, W. H. Watkins, R. Abbey, J. A. Ellis. *Reserves*—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, W. E. M. Linfield, H. H. Montgomery, C. B. Galloway.

Lay—C. K. Marshall, S. B. Watts, W. L. Nugent, R. Babington, T. L. Mellen. *Reserves*—Irwin Miller, C. R. Rencher, D. Bunch, W. M. Thornton.

Report of Treasurer of Missionary Society.

W. H. WATKINS, Treasurer,

In Acc't with Missionary Society of Miss. Conference:

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Collected in Jackson District,.....	\$258 15
" Woodville "	202 65
" Summit "	106 65
" Brookhaven "	239 45
" Brandon "	146 85
" Vicksburg "	286 70
" Meridian "	233 70
" Sea Shore "	120 60
" from other sources,	2 00
" at Anniversary, 1876,.....	62 00

Total,.....\$1,658 75

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By amount paid to—

E. J. Taylor, Soule, Miss.....	\$75 00
P. C. Wimbish, Chickasaha,	75 00
H. H. Montgomery, Pearl River,.....	187 50
J. S. Hutton, Sunflower,	56 25
J. L. Forsyth, Woodville District,...	150 00
J. A. Godfrey, Summit "	75 00
Thos. Price, Sea Shore "	168 75
Jno. C. Williams, Ellisville, Miss.	131 25
A. L. McBryde, Clarke "	75 00
C. W. Calhoun, Pascagoula,	75 00
E. A. Flowers, Bogue Chitto,	75 00
G. W. Gilbert, Springfield,	150 00
J. N. Williams, Homewood,	112 50
J. F. Graham, Lauderdale,	131 25
Amount overdrawn last year,.....	51 32
Cash to balance.....	69 93

\$1,658 75

Besides this, \$1652 60 have come into my hands
for Foreign Missions, in all.....\$3,311 35

W. H. WATKINS, Treasurer.

Vicksburg, Dec. 8th, 1877.

Van Houten Bequest Fund.

As Treasurer of the Van Houten Bequest Fund, I report
that I have collected \$72 00 interest on the Fund, and have
paid the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer.

Expenses of Delegates.

Resolved, That the Pastors of the Mississippi Conference be, and are hereby, instructed to take a collection in each of their congregations during the month of March, to defray the expenses of our Delegates to the General Conference, and remit the same to the nearest Delegate.

H. H. MONTGOMERY,
F. M. FEATHERSTUN.

Visiting Committees.

To Centenary College—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. B. Gallo-way, F. D. Brame.

To Whitworth Female College—W. E. M. Linfield, W. H. Watkins, R. Babbington. ✓

To Port Gibson Collegiate Institute—T. B. Holloman, W. B. Lewis, R. D. Howe.

To East Mississippi Female College—T. M. West, J. J. Smylie, E. F. Griffin.

Joint Board of Finance.

Ministers—R. D. Norsworthy, D. A. Little, T. B. Holloman, B. Carradine, W. B. Lewis, J. M. Wæems, J. B. K. Smith. *Laymen*—E. C. Postell, A. M. Moore, F. D. Brame, W. M. Thornton, T. L. Mellen, I. V. Enochs, R. Babbington.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Conference tender to the generous people of Jackson an expression of its high appreciation of the munificent hospitality they have extended to it during its session, and that we devoutly pray that the Great Head of the Church may reward them liberally.

We also return thanks to Mrs. Morancey, the State Librarian and Keeper of the Capitol, for the use of the Hall of Representatives tendered for our Conference meetings.

J. A. GODFREY,
W. H. WATKINS,
W. L. C. HUNNICUTT.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to Chas. Winkley, Job Printer, Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss., for furnishing free of charge, neatly printed blanks for railroad passes for use of the members of this Conference.

C. G. ANDREWS,
JOHN T. CAMERON.

APPOINTMENT OF PREACHERS.

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Vicksburg District---W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, *Presiding Elder.*

Vicksburg Station—C. B. Galloway.	Port Gibson Station —E. H. Mounger
Warren—F. M. Williams.	Fayette—W. B. Lewis.
{ Clover Hill—(To be supplied by H. J. Harris.)	Dover—R. Bradley.
{ Chotard Circuit—H. M. DuBose.	Natchez Station—R. S. Woodward.
Rolling Fork—H. R. Caldwell.	{ Kingston—J. P. Drake. (Jefferson Mission.
Mt Olivet—W. W. Hurst.	Port Gibson Collegiate Institute—
Rocky Springs—John W. Sandell.	J. A. B. Jones.
Cayuga—C. A. Powell.	

Woodville District---J. A. GODFREY, *Presiding Elder.*

Woodville Station—T. B. Holloman.	Clinton—J. W. McLaurin.
Buffalo—W. W. Simmons.	Amite—H. P. Lewis.
Wilkinson—F. Ball.	Magnolia—P. A. Johnson.
Bayou Sara—C. D. Cecil.	St. Helena—J. S. Parker.
Jackson and Pipkins Chapel—C. G. Andrews.	East Baton Rouge—R. T. Davis.
Winans—D. M. Rush.	Tickfaw Mission—D. F. Guice.
East Feliciana—I. B. Robertson, I. D. Wall.	C. G. Andrews—President, and D. M. Rush Professor, Centenary Col- lege.

Brookhaven District---W. E. M. LINFIELD, *Presiding Elder.*

Brookhaven & Wesson—J. T. Heard.	Bethel—E. F. Mullins.
Beauregard—T. C. Bradford.	Brandywine—B. T. Pearson.
Hazlehurst—J. M. Weems.	Scotland—W. Wadsworth.
Georgetown—A. M. Barrington.	Meadville—B. F. Jones.
Crystal Springs—J. L. Forsyth.	Summit—L. Kendall.
Pleasant Valley and Zion—C. W. Campbell.	Bogue Chitto Miss.—E. A. Flowers. H. F. Johnson, Pres. Whitworth Col. 7

Brandon District---W. H. LEITH, *Presiding Elder.*

Brandon Station—B. Carradine.	Walnut Grove—N. B. Young.
Fannin—J. D. Hays.	Carthage—J. W. Ellison.
Morton & Forest—J. J. Smylie.	Trenton—R. A. Sibley.
Lake—P. H. Napier.	Raleigh—C. McDonald.
Newton—R. B. Downer.	Rankin—J. H. Evans.
Union—J. H. Holland, John A. Vance, Sup.	Homewood Mission—J. N. Williams. Prairie Mission—(To be supplied.)

Meridian District---J. A. ELLIS, Presiding Elder.

Meridian—R. J. Jones.
 Enterprize—H. R. Singleton.
 Marion—J. M. Gann.
 Spring Hill—D. A. Little.
 Philadelphia—J. C. Brogan.
 DeKalb—T. Y. Armstrong.
 Shubuta—T. S. West.
 Wayne—D. G. W. Ellis.
 Waynesboro—L. R. Featherstun.

McGown—G. M. Gilmore.
 Paulding—D. P. Bradford.
 Enterprise—(To be supplied by Geo. Bancroft.)
 Lauderdale Mission—A. L. McBryde
 Ellisville Mission—(To be supplied
 by J. C. Williams.)
 J. W. Adkisson, President East Mis-
 sissippi Female College.

Sea Shore District---THOMAS PRICE, Presiding Elder.

Moss Point—J. B. K. Smith.
 Ocean Springs—W. W. Hopper.
 Pearlington—A. B. Nicholson.
 East Pascagoula—C. W. Calhoun,
 West Pascagoula—J. S. Calhoun.
 Handsboro Mission—J. Nicholson.
 Covington—C. F. Gillespie, Geo. T.
 Vickers, Sup.

Amite City—G. F. Thompson.
 China Grove and Franklington—P.
 Howard.
 Columbia—I. W. Cooper.
 Mt. Carmel—G. W. Brown.
 Westville—D. A. Givens.
 Enon—B. S. Rayner.
 Chickasawha—To be supplied.

Jackson District---F. M. FEATHERSTUN, Presiding Elder.

Jackson Station—W. H. Watkins.
 Jackson Circuit—A. Day.
 Madison—D. C. Langford.
 { Sharon—H. H. Montgomery.
 { Thomastown Mission—To be
 Supplied.
 Camden and Soule—W. C. Black.
 Yazoo City—W. E. Ballard.
 Yazoo Circuit—J. H. Shelton.

Silver Creek—W. P. Andrews.
 Tranquil—R. F. Flowers.
 Brownville—W. B. Hines.
 Canton Station—R. D. Norsworthy.
 Raymond—B. Jones.
 Spring Ridge and Forest Hill—W.
 D. Dominick.
 Oak Hill—J. Lusk.

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SPECIAL AGENT PUBLISHING HOUSE—R. Abbey.**MISSIONARY TO CHINA.—J. W. Lambuth.**

TRANSFERRED.—A. J. Coleman to Alabama Conference; J. S. Hutton, to Los Angelos Conference; J. Ritchie, to North Mississippi Conference; J. T. Graham, to Louisiana Conference; M. B. Sharbrough, Pacific Conference to Chicot Circuit.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS,	Local Preachers.	Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Vol. in Library.	Money's Expended.	Value of Other Church Property.	Parsonages, etc.		
											No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	No. of Parsonages.
Jackson District.													
Jackson	255	6	21	2	22	260	1500	72 00	72 00	500	3000	170 00	
Madison	87	3	3	1	2	20	50	9 00	4	800	3800	60 00	
Sharon	8	360	10	8	12	60	400	20 00	5	800	4000	520 00	
Pearl River	2	105	3	4	2	10	54	5 50	2	1400	1400	10 00	
Camden		116	2	3	1	7	35	100	2	4000	1	600	
Dover		206	8	2	2	10	35	.....	4	2400	1	300	
Yazoo		330	6	8	4	30	150	50	40 00	5	4590	1300	
Yazoo City		120	4	6	1	12	70	250	37 00	1	1000	1	2500
Jackson Ct.		140	.....	2	2	5	30	90	.....	2	1700	1	400
Silver Creek		48	3	8	1	3	12	.....	.....	1	600	1	400
Brownsville		200	16	6	3	25	170	350	40 00	2	5000	1	1500
Caption		150	.....	2	1	7	97	.....	.....	1	2500	1	1500
Total.	15	2117	61	71	20	145	993	2790	223 50	30	38,990	10	12,700
Vicksburg District.													2263 25
Vicksburg	1	274	.....	11	1	20	131	650	100 00	1	17,500	1	2500
Warren		221	11	11	3	15	75	150	25 00	5	5600	1	800
Sunflower Mission		20	4	4	1	7	20	40	10 00	1	1800	1	100
Clover Hill		46	4	4	1	7	20	40	10 00	1	1800	1	800

Rolling Fork	50	1	1	5	40	100	50 00	1	1000	1	100	100	50 00	
Mt. Oliver.....	309	8	21	2	9	57	145	12 00	2	1500	3	300	130 00	
Rocky Springs.....	216	7	6	5	31	146	84	14 50	3	3200	4	4000	300 00	
Cayuga.....	200	2	13	1	7	45	50	12 00	1	15,000	1	2200	34,060	
Port Gibson	103	1	1	1	11	60	200	12 00	1	1500	1	1500	100 00	
Fayette.....	360	12	22	6	20	150	300	5	700	1	100	150	7 00	
Kingston.....	58	4	21	3	10	60	218	20 00	2	10,000	1	100	500	
Natchez	184	1	6	1	15	78	100	90 00	1	25,000	1	500	982 00	
Total Woodville District.....	20	2041	50	123	25	150	862	2337	335 50	26	\$91,600	6	7900	\$34,210
Jackson Ct.....	6	293	11	15	3	18	119	131	22 10	3	6700	1	80,000	80,000
Clinton Station.....	1	143	10	10	1	15	90	170	35 00	1	3000	1	2000	60 00
East Feliciana.....	327	30	25	4	17	102	100	40 00	5	2550	1	100	900 00	
Bayou Sara.....	96	2	2	2	2	8	53	80	2	2400	1	800	800	
Buffalo.....	236	5	4	2	2	9	57	50	5	3000	1	1200	1200	
Wilkinson.....	265	17	5	1	5	25	100	25	4	3600	1	1200	1200	
Concord.....	128	2	2	2	8	25	400	16 25	1	3000	1	1600	1600	
Woodville Station.....	1	78	4	2	2	13	80	400	1	3000	1	1600	10 00	
Total Summit District.....	10	1556	81	63	17	93	551	981	\$113 35	24	\$25,450	4	\$85,600	\$80,000
Summit	3	235	4	18	3	23	180	110	107 00	3	1800	1	700	30
St Helena Ct.....	3	525	37	44	4	14	120	37	23 50	7	8500	1	275	21 00
Magnolia.....	1	200	6	2	3	10	55	200	15 00	4	1000	1	500	50 00
China Grove.....	228	23	10	3	16	55	75	75	20 00	1	3000	1	400	300 00
Franklinton.....	183	8	14	1	6	25	35	125	50 00	1	325	1	300	20 80
Covington.....	260	15	40	5	35	6	65	65	40 00	3	1500	1	1700	250 00
Amite City.....	2	153	8	4	3	18	140	140	310	4	4000	1	600	98 00
Amite.....	4	340	10	15	4	16	90	90	50 00	5	2000	1	600	600 00
East Baton Rouge.....	1	350	28	41	6	16	84	84	250	20 00	12	5	14	130 00
Meadville.....	2	354	12	6	5	14	84	84	250	20 00	8	1150	1	800

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DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Adults Baptized.	Inhabitants Baptized.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schoolmasters.	No. Vol. in Library.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Moneys expended for Building and repairing Churches, etc., Par-	so nages, etc.	ing Churches, Par-	[30]	11		
SUMMIT DIST.—CON.																						
Springfield Mission	1	89	33	10	1	2	12	7	100	6	900	6	920	6	14	20	00					
Bogue Chitto	4	144	16	7	3	8	75	50	50	6	6	6	6	6	14	20	00					
Total.....																						
Brookhaven District.																						
Brookhaven.....	1	157	8	5	1	17	140	338	35 00	1	3500	1	2520	1	30,000	252 00						
Beauregard.....	1	275	26	8	2	17	10	125	31 00	3	3000	3	2520	3	30,000	252 00						
Scotland.....	2	256	8	7	2	8	40	80	7 00	5	5000	5	5000	5	50,000	500 00						
Brandy Wine.....	1	471	16	11	3	9	78	150	28 00	5	3,000	5	3,000	5	3,000	321 00						
Raymond.....	1	114	5	8	3	27	177	275	75 00	3	6500	1	1000	1	1000	700 00						
Bayou Pierre.....	2	257	4	10	6	27	167	29	25 00	5	2500	5	2500	5	2500	250 00						
Hazlehurst.....	2	133	1	14	1	19	100	50	50 00	1	3000	1	2000	1	2000	200 00						
Georgetown.....	1	170	6	8	2	19	85	35	35 00	4	2000	4	2000	4	2000	200 00						
Providence.....	2	260	12	11	2	8	45	100	35 00	3	2500	3	2500	3	2500	224 33						
Spring Ridge.....	2	229	26	24	3	15	68	100	7 70	3	2500	3	2500	3	2500	224 33						
Crystal Springs.....	4	248	6	3	1	14	90	225	25 00	1	4000	1	2000	1	2000	20 00						
Total.....	15	2572	116	109	26	178	1000	1343	8322 95	34	\$38,000	4	\$7500	4	\$7500	\$50,000	\$2035 90					

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DISTRICTS.

Sea Shore District.	Local Preachers.	Members.	Adults Baptized.	Inferants Baptized.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Schoolars.	No. Vol. in Library.	Monies Expended.	No. of Churches.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Monies expended for building Churches, etc., Parsonages, etc.	
Moss Point Circuit.....	1	158	6	9	2	12	125	300	36 00	2	600	1	1500	111 00
Pearlington	1	143	9	12	3	23	115	200	30 00	3	450	1	250	920 00
Ocean Springs	2	192	4	25	4	25	255	300	25 00	5	5540	1	80	150 00
Rankin	3	443	14	23	1	2	15	15	.....	5	2000	....	.....	.....
Enon	1	80	.....	6	1	2	15	15	.....	1	50	....	.....	.....
White Plains	1	100	3	6	1	2	15	15	.....	2	400	....	.....	.....
Westville	1	136	23	5	3	13	75	200	35 00	4	2802	....	.....	52 00
Mt. Carmel	2	293	11	3	1	5	20	24	.....	1	320	....	.....	.....
East Pascagoula Miss.....	7	429	12	39	9	28	250	300	20 00	8	1300	....	.....	200 00
Soule.....	6	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	600	....	.....	.....
Chickasawha.....	1	168	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia Ct	1	224	7	28	2	6	45	75	10 00	2	750
Total.....	26	2606	112	150	26	116	915	1399	156 00	36	14,812	2	1580	250
														1433 00

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	Local Preachers.	Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. Vol. in Library.	Money's Expended.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Money's expended for Building and repairing Churches, etc.		
Jackson District.....	15	2125	61	71	992	2790	226	50	30	38,990	10,12700	1800	2293	25		
Woodville "	10	1566	81	63	93	551	981	113	35	24	25,450	4,5600	80,000	970	00	
Summit "	21	3261	200	211	158	971	1607	251	50	57	25,895	4,2275	44	1585	00	
Brookhaven "	15	2572	116	109	26	178	1000	1313	322	95	34	38,000	4,7500	50,000	2035	90
Brandon "	28	3570	96	119	34	170	1067	1680	240	00	54	39,900	4,1850	500	872	00
Meridian "	26	4130	173	165	29	155	1194	2157	227	40	54	21,570	5,3950	9770	1190	00
Sea Shore "	26	2606	112	150	26	116	915	1399	155	00	36	11,912	2,1580	250	1433	00
Vicksburg "	20	2041	50	123	25	150	862	2337	335	90	26	91,600	6,7900	34,210	1730	00
Grand Total 1877.....	161	21,871	888	1011	213	1165	7552	14244	1872	60	315	324,817	39,43,355	176,574	12,109	15
Grand Total 1876.....	170	21,626	821	1014	187	1163	7287	17112	1730	30	306	249,530	32,38,650	187,510	15,536	00
Increase	245	67	26	2	265	142	30	9	75,284	7,4705	
Decrease.....	9	3	2868	10,936	3426	85

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Brandon District.																														
Brandon Station	21	10	36	35	35	00	12	55	100	00	100	00	500	525	00	330	40	294	60	294	60	228	00	228	00				
Fannin.....	11	00	3	60	7	65	.....	100	00	45	70	54	30	625	500	500	45	37	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		
Raleigh.....	7	15	8	00	26	00	33	00	.....	100	00	49	85	50	50	405	249	20	155	80	415	20	84	79	309	61	134	50	
Morton & Forest.....	7	00	5	00	5	50	11	50	10	00	100	00	83	04	16	96	500	190	39	309	61	365	50	134	50	134	50			
Philadelphia.....	7	00	12	75	11	50	2	35	4	00	100	00	38	07	61	93	500	365	50	427	15	427	15	97	85	117	78			
Trenton.....	7	00	5	00	19	60	31	00	7	00	100	00	73	10	26	90	500	305	17	305	17	305	17	88	00	212	00			
Newton.....	7	00	8	50	5	30	6	10	.....	100	00	71	00	29	00	525	187	22	187	22	187	22	117	78	212	00	217	90	
Walnut Grove.....	7	00	6	00	2	75	5	50	.....	60	00	36	83	23	17	305	300	34	300	34	300	34	88	00	282	10	217	90	
Hillsboro.....	4	00	3	90	10	00	6	00	.....	40	00	6	00	40	00	500	40	00	35	00	35	00	35	00	35	00	24	42	
Union.....	4	00	12	50	10	00	2	10	.....	75	00	40	00	75	00	120	95	50	120	95	50	120	95	50	120	95	50	120	95
Carthage.....	2	10	5	00	146	25	122	45	146	35	19	55	.....	1075	00	698	22	377	13	5830	3391	94	1913	05	1913	05	1913	05	
Homewood Mission	89	25	35	00	10	20	11	15	12	50	60	00	28	75	190	00	162	00	28	00	1000	915	03	85	00	85	00			
Meridian-District.																														
Meridian Stat on.....	15	30	35	00	20	00	18	00	20	00	5	00	110	00	110	00	110	00	31	70	68	30	600	600	600	600	600	600		
DeKalb Ct.....	12	00	3	75	2	00	2	00	2	00	60	00	60	00	31	05	28	95	300	300	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		
Enterprise Station.....	15	00	10	00	21	50	30	00	25	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	11	25	230	156	25	156	25	156	25	156	25	
Enterprise Ct.....	5	10	6	10	8	50	11	25	12	50	35	00	23	75	23	75	23	75	38	65	700	495	00	495	00	495	00	495	00	
Shubuta.....	5	00	25	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	120	00	81	35	10	00	6	00	4	00	50	30	00	471	43	128	57	128	57	
McGowen.....	5	00	13	20	10	20	31	50	31	50	100	00	78	57	21	43	600	41	00	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		
Paulding.....	10	00	13	25	25	00	30	00	35	00	125	00	125	00	125	00	125	00	17	44	10	56	200	104	66	95	34	104	20	
Ellisville Miss.....	14	00	13	20	10	20	30	00	30	00	100	00	59	00	59	00	59	00	7	63	22	37	150	45	80	104	20	104	20	
Spring Hill.....	10	30	13	20	25	00	30	00	35	00	100	00	50	00	50	00	50	00	82	00	82	00	82	00	82	00	82	00	82	00
Wayne.....	12	00	17	10	17	10	20	85	20	85	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	57	25	24	75	328	234	75	234	75	234	75	
Waynesboro.....	5	00	3	90	7	85	18	25	18	25	28	00	17	44	10	56	200	7	63	22	37	150	45	80	104	20	104	20		
Clarke Miss.....	2	50	13	65	17	10	20	85	20	85	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	57	25	24	75	328	234	75	234	75	234	75	
Lauderdale Miss.....	8	95	18	70	11	10	17	10	17	10	100	00	100	00	100	00	100	00	33	75	1190	890	74	299	26	6458	3121	04	3326	96
Marion Ct.....	125	15	187	30	110	10	172	05	71	00	33	75	1190	00	890	74	299	26	6458	3121	04	3326	96	3326	96	3326	96	3326	96	

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DISTRICTS.	Bishop's Fund	Conference Collection.		Foreign Churches for Domestic Missions.		Raised in Sunday schools for Foreign Missions.		Salary and Travelling Expenses of P. C.		Receipts.		Debtors.		Receipts.		Debtors.	
		Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.	Receipts.	Debtors.
Sea Shore District.																	
Moss Point Circuit.....	7 40	28 00	3 87	4 62	26 14	31 35	100 00	100 00	5 65	600 00	600 00	377 36	12 10				
Pearlington	10 00	10 00	17 75	18 28	35 50	.....	100 00	94 35	400	409 85	409 85	191 15					
Ocean Springs	2 80	6 00	15 00	15 00	4 00	.....	128 00	68 00	60 00	500	272 00	227 00					
Rankin	4 44	.....	3 75	13 25	2 80	.....	55 00	33 00	22 00	230	88 00	142 00					
Enon	4 44	.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	33 00	12 00	21 00	190	65 05	124 95					
White Plains	5 85	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	200	135 00	65 00					
Westville	5 00	5 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	.....	100 00	41 00	59 00	400	226 00	174 00					
Mt. Carmel	5 25	21 25	10 00	12 00	2 80	2 80	49 50	49 50	49 50	515	393 00	122 00					
East Pascagoula Miss	5 25	25 50	2 50	2 50	70	70	45 00	10 00	35 00	216	48 63	167 37					
Sonie.....	2 35	8 00	3 50	10 00	.....	.....	15 50	15 50	80 00	300	92 90	287 10					
Chickasawha.....	5 28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450	200 00	250 00					
Columbia Ct.....	43 64	95 75	46 37	102 65	61 65	31 35	715 50	462 85	368 15	4601	2907 73	1812 27					

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